

REMARKS

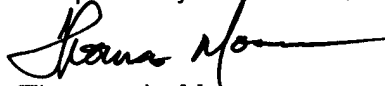
The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1, 2, and 4-6 are allowable, and that Claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection set forth in the Office Action. Applicant has amended Claim 3 in accordance with suggestions made by the Examiner to remove the first instance of the term "twig," so that this term is only recited once within the Claim.

Applicant having addressed all of the rejections, objections, and comments in the latest Office Action, respectfully requests allowance of the remaining pending claims in view of the above Amendments and Remarks. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments submitted herewith do not add new matter to the application. In the event that the Examiner believes that the claims would be allowable with minor changes, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss an Examiner's Amendment.

Fee Authorization: In the event that there are additional fees associated with the submission of these papers, Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to withdraw those fees from our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

Extension of Time: In the event that additional time is required to have the papers submitted herewith for the above referenced application to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for any additional time required to make these papers timely and authorization is hereby granted to withdraw any additional fees necessary for this additional time from our Deposit Account No. 04-0500.

Respectfully Submitted,



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